

(4-369.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

*José Leandro Montoya* being called as a witness in his own behalf in support of homestead entry, No. *3598*, for *N<sup>2</sup> W<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> E<sup>2</sup> Sec 25 T<sup>2</sup> S<sup>2</sup> R<sup>2</sup> E<sup>2</sup>* testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post office address?

Ans. *José Leandro Montoya 38 years.*

*Curra Amarillo, N. M.*

Ques. 2.—Are you a native born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born?\*

Ans. *Yes I am. Territory of New Mexico*

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry, No. *3598*, at the *SANTA FE, N. M.* land office on the *30* day of

*September*, 189*0* and what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. *Yes I am. N<sup>2</sup> W<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> E<sup>2</sup> Sec 25 T<sup>2</sup> S<sup>2</sup> R<sup>2</sup> E<sup>2</sup>*

Ques. 4.—When was your house built on the land and when did you establish actual residence therein? (Describe said house and other improvements which you have placed on the land, giving total value thereof.)

Ans. *In 1886.*

*in April - 1886*

Ques. 5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on the land since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. *of 4. wife and 2 children*

*No. in winter went away*

Ques. 6.—For what period or periods have you been absent from the homestead since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did your family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. *in winters about 4 months on account*

*of heavy snows and severity of weather. not during*

Ques. 7.—How much of the land have you cultivated each season and for how many seasons have you raised crops thereon?

Ans. *about 11 acres 5 years.*

Ques. 8.—Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade and business.

Ans. *No it is not*

Ques. 9.—What is the character of the land? Is it timber, mountainous, prairie, grazing, or ordinary agricultural land? State its kind and quality, and for what purpose it is most valuable.

Ans. *Agricultural land and pasture land*

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. *Not to my knowledge*

Ques. 11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)

Ans. *None*

Ques. 12.—Have you sold, conveyed, or mortgaged any portion of the land; and if so, to whom and for what purpose?

Ans. *No*

Ques. 13.—Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? (If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.)

Ans. *Yes. household goods, about*

*12 miles from my claim*

*José Leandro Montoya.*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing testimony was read to the claimant before being subscribed, and was sworn to before me this *2* day of *November*, 189*0*.

[SEE NOTE ON FOURTH PAGE.]

\* (In case the party is of foreign birth a certified transcript from the court records of his declaration of intention to become a citizen, or of his naturalization, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer taking this proof, must be filed with the case. Evidence of naturalization is only required in final (five year) homestead cases.)

## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

*Roman Montano* being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of *Jack Handoo Montano* for *N<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>4</sup> N<sup>2</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sec<sup>2</sup> T<sup>2</sup> N. R<sup>4</sup> E*, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post office address?

Ans. *Roman Montano, 35 years, Sierra Blanca, Tex.*

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. *Yes, sir*

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. *No*

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. *Agricultural land*

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. *in April - 1886*

*at the same time*

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. *he has been absent in the winters for 3 or 4 months at a time. Cause severity of winter*

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. *for 3 or 4 months during the winters on account of snows and severity of weather. No.*

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. *About 9 acres. 5 seasons*

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. *fence, houses, corrals. 9 acres land broken. about \$500 or \$600*

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. *No*

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. *No he has not*

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. *No*

*Roman Montano*

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## HOMESTEAD PROOF—TESTIMONY OF WITNESS.

entry of Josefando Montoya being called as witness in support of the Homestead entry of Josefando Montoya, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your name, age, and post office address?

Ans. Maros Chavez, 36 years, Sierra Amarilla, N. M.

Ques. 2.—Are you well acquainted with the claimant in this case and the land embraced in his claim?

Ans. Yes

Ques. 3.—Is said tract within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

Ans. No sir

Ques. 4.—State specifically the character of this land—whether it is timber, prairie, grazing, farming, coal, or mineral land.

Ans. Agricultural land

Ques. 5.—When did claimant settle upon the homestead and at what date did he establish actual residence thereon?

Ans. in April - 1886

at same time

Ques. 6.—Have claimant and family resided continuously on the homestead since first establishing residence thereon? (If settler is unmarried, state the fact.)

Ans. No - they have been absent a few months in the winter

Ques. 7.—For what period or periods has the settler been absent from the land since making settlement, and for what purpose; and if temporarily absent, did claimant's family reside upon and cultivate the land during such absence?

Ans. during winter about 4 months to pass the winter. Much snow. No

Ques. 8.—How much of the homestead has the settler cultivated and for how many seasons did he raise crops thereon?

Ans. about 9 acres about 5 seasons

Ques. 9.—What improvements are on the land and what is their value?

Ans. fence, houses, corrals, 9 acres cultivated land, \$5000 value

Ques. 10.—Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the homestead? (If so, describe what they are, and state whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than for mineral purposes.)

Ans. No

Ques. 11.—Has the claimant mortgaged, sold, or contracted to sell, any portion of said homestead?

Ans. No

Ques. 12.—Are you interested in this claim; and do you think the settler has acted in entire good faith in perfecting this entry?

Ans. No

Yes sir  
Maros Chavez

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